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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders and Clinic OICs USAMEDDAC Fort Meade, MD

SUBJECT: Policy for the Use of Lyme Disease Vaccine – Fort Meade MEDDAC

1. The Fort Meade MEDDAC policy regarding the use of Lyme Disease Vaccine is consistent with that of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the policy memorandum set forth by Brigadier General Kiley, dated 30 March 2000 (see enclosures 1 and 2, respectively). Health Affairs endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide Lyme disease vaccine to certain beneficiaries of the Military Health System. The Health Affairs memorandum and information paper are also available at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/policy/ha99pol/clin9930.htm>.
2. Vaccination should be based on individual risk, which depends on a person's likelihood of being bitten by *Borrelia burgdorferi*-infected ticks. The vaccine should also be considered for occupational groups of military members and/or Department of Defense civilian employees whose duties result in frequent or prolonged exposure to tick infested habitats in areas of high or moderate risk for Lyme disease. Lyme disease vaccine is not recommended for persons who have minimal or no exposure to tick-infested habitats.
3. Individuals interested in receiving the vaccine should carefully review the detailed Lyme disease educational material and discuss with their provider their individual benefit versus risk regarding vaccination. The MEDDAC OP 358-R (Lyme Disease Risk Assessment and Medical Plan) form and the Fort George G. Meade Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) for Lyme Disease are available on the Fort Meade internet site for download and local reproduction (see enclosures 3 and 4, respectively). The VIS also includes information on SmithKline Beecham's Vaccine Pregnancy Registry and Patient Reminder Program. Additional Lyme disease information is available at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/ento/LymeFact.doc.htm> (see enclosure 5).
4. Dr. Gail Marston, Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, (301) 677-8755/6/7, is the medical point of contact regarding use of this vaccine. MAJ Colleen M. Hart, Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Fort Meade MEDDAC, (301) 677-8435/8661, is the point of contact for this memorandum.

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